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This 48-minute VHS videotape is the sixth in a series of "How To Dance Through Time" videos. It shows the festivity of the 19th century group dances, enabling the viewer to plan and participate in the elegant opening to the ball, a refined square dance, and flirtatious Cotillion dancing games. Professional dancers demonstrate the patterns with both aerial and front camera views. Each dance is introduced with historical information, illuminating the social context of the dances. Original illustrations accompany the descriptions. The dances are performed with appropriate music and fashions of the era. This videotape is also available in DVD format. (SM)

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